

MINUTES

(Subject to approval by the electors of the Kingston Fire District at the Annual Meeting of May 3, 2010)

KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING, KINGSTON FIRE STATION, KINGSTON, R.I. MAY 4, 2009

Call to Order: Moderator Angelo Mendillo called the Kingston Fire District Annual Meeting of May 4, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. at Kingston Fire Station, 35 Bills, Road, Kingston, RI. He noted that twenty (20) qualified electors were in attendance. Moderator Mendillo declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Donald Cobb seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF 2008 (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: John Oberle moved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 5, 2008. William Metz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Chief Nathan Barrington presented his report, Deputy Chief's Keith Notarianni, the Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal's, and the Decontamination Team's reports. Chief Barrington spoke about the Deputy Chief's report first by stating that it gives a brief overview of one years worth of calls. The Kingston Fire Department answered approximately 703 calls. He touched on various subjects: since the appointment of Robert Drapeau as Director of Public Safety for URI the lines of communication and cooperation with the University have improved dramatically. There is a new office manager, Jodi Hall. The website is moving forward. Thanked firefighter Paul Ayers for being instrumental in producing a plan for the Cash Incentive Plan. The policy manual is continuing to move forward. The new Engine 8 is in service. Grant activity was minimal this past year. We are researching a no match grant for fire prevention educational equipment, a soft grant for the 800 portables and a fire act grant for up-dating the airpacs. We are continuing to train and educate. There will be an article about the Kingston Fire Department in the July 2009 Rhode Island Monthly, focusing on membership and ties to URI. We will begin conversations with URI for the next contract. He recommended Steve Colson to be promoted to Deputy Chief (Training). We have added a Senior Maintenance Coordinator, as well.

MOTION: Donald Cobb moved to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Leon Thiem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Moderator Mendillo welcomed and introduced South Kingstown Town Councilman Jim O'Neill he noted that he is not a resident of the District. Moderator Mendillo asked to insert into the Agenda the introduction of Councilman Jim O'Neill.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to grant Councilman O'Neill a voice but not vote in the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Treasurer Thomas Vignali gave a summary of the Treasurer's report. Year-To-Date Revenue totals came to Five Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven 00/100 Dollars (\$577,657.00). Year-To-Date Expenditures came to Five Hundred Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One 00/100 Dollars (\$541,261.00). Year-To-Date Excess of Revenues over Expenditures came to Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six 00/100 Dollars (\$36,396.00).

Councilman Jim O'Neill questioned the size of the portfolio. Treasurer Vignali explained the revenues and expenditures. No other questions were raised.

MOTION: Ted Jakubowski moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Donald Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Tax Collector Linda Mendillo reviewed the Tax Collector's Report. The Kingston Fire District tax roll, after abatements and additions for 2008 was One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ten 05/100 Dollars (\$168,610.05). The balance for 2008 is Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One 47/100 Dollars (\$8,991.47). As of today's date, the District has collected 95% of the total amount for 2008. To date, the District has collected 99.5% of the total amount for 2007. The balance for 2007 is Eight Hundred Seventeen 96/100 Dollars (\$817.96). Mrs. Mendillo asked for questions.

Councilman O'Neill asked if this is the average of taxes over the last 3 years. Tax Collector Mendillo replied that over the last 3 years this is the average collection rate.

MOTION: John Oberle moved to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Donald Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Elizabeth McNab gave an oral presentation. She spoke of how KFD continues to have a well-trained and dedicated group of firefighters who are very often first on the scene. President McNab then presented a gift from the District to Warden John Oberle who after 22 years as a Warden for the District is stepping down. She and everyone thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to accept the President's Report as presented. Donald Packer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Moderator Mendillo stated that according to last year's minutes that there were no motions tabled or carried forward to attend to at this year's meeting. He asked if there was any other official old business.

Moderator Mendillo asked if there was any other official business under the category "Old Business". There was none.

2009-2010 BUDGET MOTION (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: Elizabeth McNab, President of the Board of Wardens moved the following Budget Motion: "I move that the budget be approved as presented and that the Board of Wardens be directed to calculate the tax rate, based on the valuation of assessed property, according to the South Kingstown Tax Assessor's rolls as of December 31, 2008 plus or minus Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$5000.00), to account for differences in the tax base due to authorized abatements and additions to the tax roll throughout the tax year, so as to raise the amount of money specified in the budget to be raised by taxation." The motion was seconded by Donald Cobb and opened for discussion.

Warden Vincent Rose moved to amend this motion to read: "The Board of Wardens be directed to calculate the tax rate, based on the valuation of assessed property according to the South Kingstown Tax Assessor's rolls as of December 31, 2008 plus or minus 5%, to account for differences in the tax base due to authorized abatements and additions to the tax roll throughout the tax year, so as to raise the amount of money specified in the budget to be raised by taxation." Ted Jakubowski seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Mendillo asked if there was any further discussion regarding the motion as amended. Vincent Rose noted the reduction in salary. Ted Jakubowski brought up a buy out at the end of leased equipment. With no further discussion, the amended motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Moderator Mendillo pointed out that there was one typographical error on the report, under the Auditing Committee, Terry Simpson it should be 2011. He advised that no motion to amend would be necessary if it was just corrected and accepted as a typographical error.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to accept the Nomination Committee Report as presented. Donald Cobb seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

MOTION: There being no further discussion, Moderator Mendillo asked for a vote to elect those individuals nominated in the Nominating Committee Report. Will Metz moved and Leon Thiem seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS (SEE HANDOUT):

MOTION : Moderator Mendillo asked the electors to refer to the “Other New Business” agenda item and recognized Elizabeth McNab who made a motion on behalf of the Board of Wardens “to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer any remaining surplus funds from the 2008 – 2009 year to the Capital Reserve Account. Vincent Rose seconded the motion. Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. There was none. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION : Again, Moderator Mendillo asked the electors to refer to the “Other New Business” agenda item and pointed out that the motion needed to be amended to change “the 2008-2009 year” to “the 2009-2010 year” he recognized Elizabeth McNab who made a motion on behalf of the Board of Wardens “to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer any funds received from the State Motor Vehicles Phase out for the 2008-2009 year to the Capital Equipment Reserve Account.” Vincent Rose seconded the motion as amended. Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. There was none. The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to accept the Fire Act Grant for Air Pac Equipment request from the Chief’s Report as presented. Vincent Rose seconded the motion. Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. It was reiterated that this is run through FEMA, the Government pays for 90% and there is a 10% match. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to adjourn. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hall
Office Manager
Kingston Fire District